

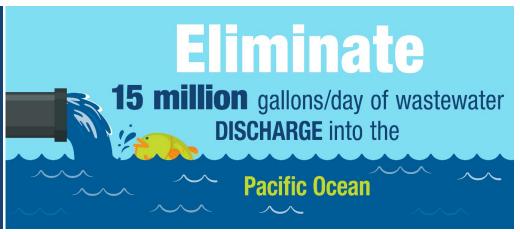
# Financial Impacts of Project Delays on the East County Advanced Water Purification Project

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# **Project Goals**







# Reduce

the region's **DEPENDENCE** on **imported water** 

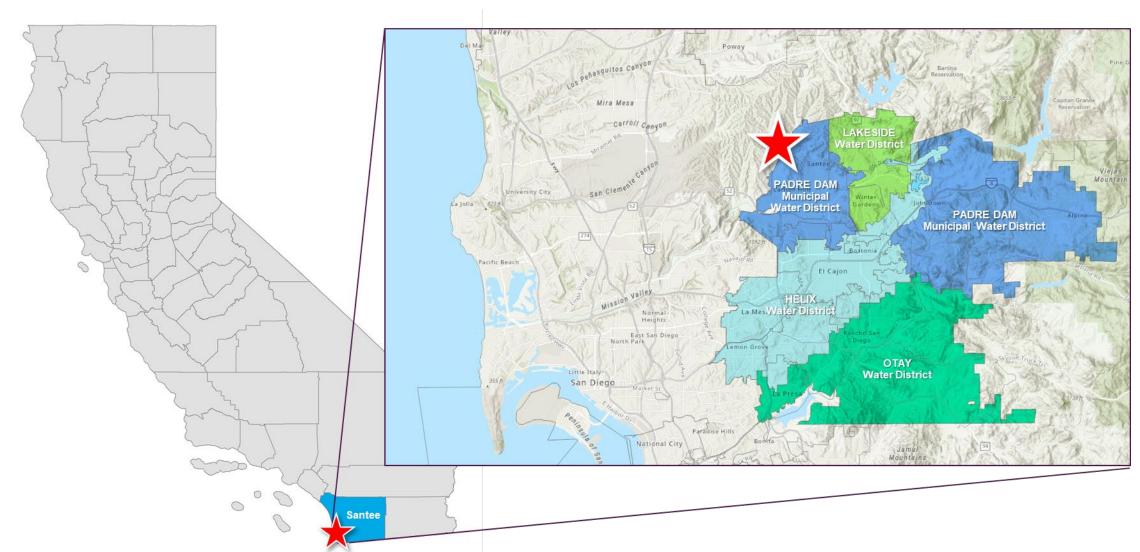


# Provide

up to **30%** of East County's **DRINKING WATER** demand

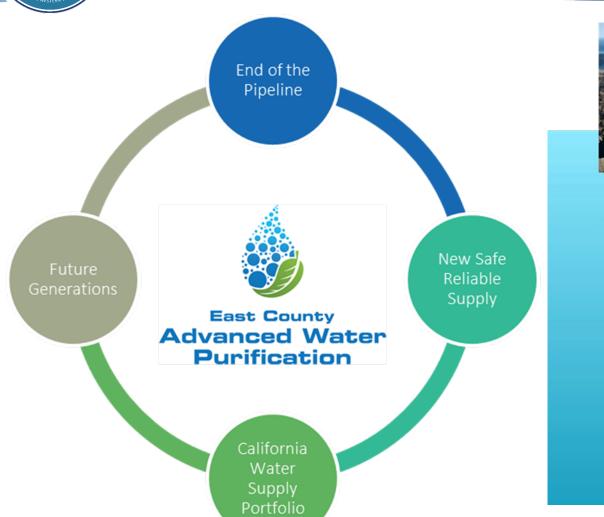


# **Project Location**





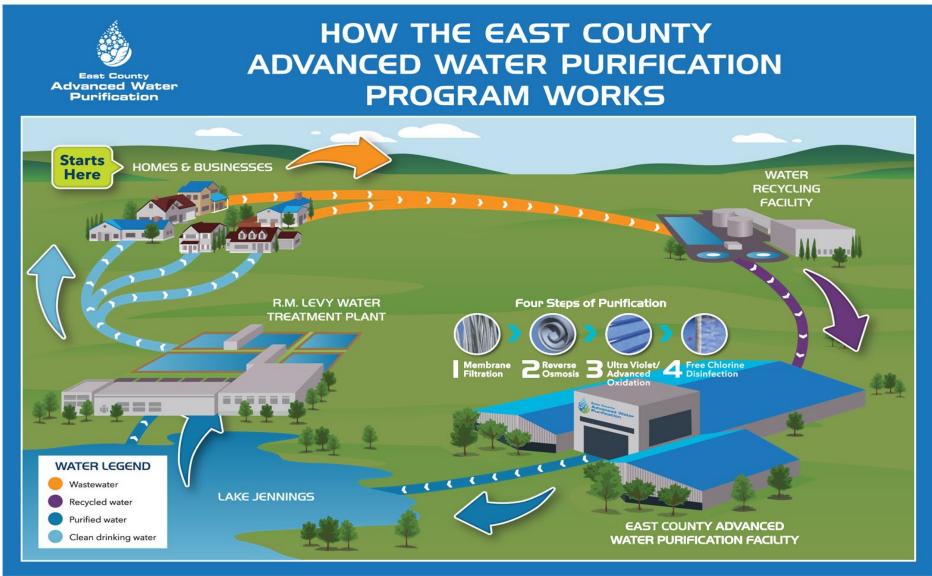
# East San Diego County's Water Supply







# **Program Components**





# **AWP Project Partners**



- Padre Dam MWD
- County of San Diego
- City of El Cajon
- Helix Water District
- City of San Diego (for Package 4)



# Delivery Method – Progressive Design Build

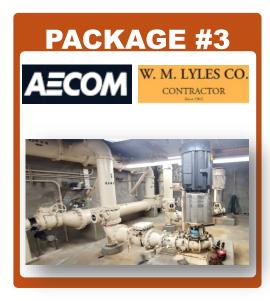
Factors of Influence	DBB	DB	PDB
Early cost certainty		X	X
Flexibility to adapt design to meet project budget	X		X
Minimizing the upfront spend			X
Ability to meet/accelerate established project schedule		X	X
Ability to provide input on design	Х		X
Reduced potential for claims		X	X
Allocation of risk to the appropriate party		X	X
Reduced liability gap between the Design Engineer and General Contractor		X	X



# Progressive Design Build Teams













## A Few Milestones

**2015** 

**AWP Demo Plant** Opening





**CEQA Complete** and Approved





Secured \$90M from MWD



Agreements Executed

Design-Build **Contracts Executed** 



2022

Secured \$378M from SRF Clean Water State Revolving Fund



**AWP Demonstration** Plant Groundbreaking

Feasibility Study / MOU



**2014** 











**MOU Extension** 

**DDW Conceptual** Approval for the Project







EPA selects **ECAWP** to apply for WIFIA: \$342M

JPA Formed



#### Secured \$388M from WIFIA



#### Construction











**2024** 



# Factors Contributing to Cost Increase

## **Construction Labor Shortages**

• Impact on Project Schedules & Costs

## **Supply Chain Issues**

• Impact on Project Schedules

### **Material Price Escalation**

• Impact on Project Costs





## Construction Labor Shortages

#### Causes:

- Scarcity of qualified skilled workers
- Record number of older workers leaving the workforce
- Increased demand for workers planned federal infrastructure spending

#### Impact:

- Delay in overall construction schedule
- Increased wages and overtime = increased labor costs

"The construction industry will need to attract nearly 650,000 additional workers on top of the normal pace of hiring in 2022 to meet the demand for labor"

 Associated Builders and Contractors





# Supply Chain Issues

#### Causes:

- Pandemic-related disruptions ongoing
- Lack of distribution staffing
- Global uncertainty
- Backlog and increased demands

#### Impact:

- Extended equipment delivery times
- Delay in overall construction schedule
- Potential cost impacts due to alternative sourcing





## Materials Price Escalation

#### Causes

- Increased demands with economic reopening
- Labor shortages in manufacturing
- Historic inflation and increased fuel costs increase manufacturing and shipping costs
- Global uncertainty pandemics, geopolitical concerns, etc.

#### Impact

- Increased construction costs
- Under Progressive Design Build, design-builder retains most of the risk of continued escalation post-GMP (Price certainty)



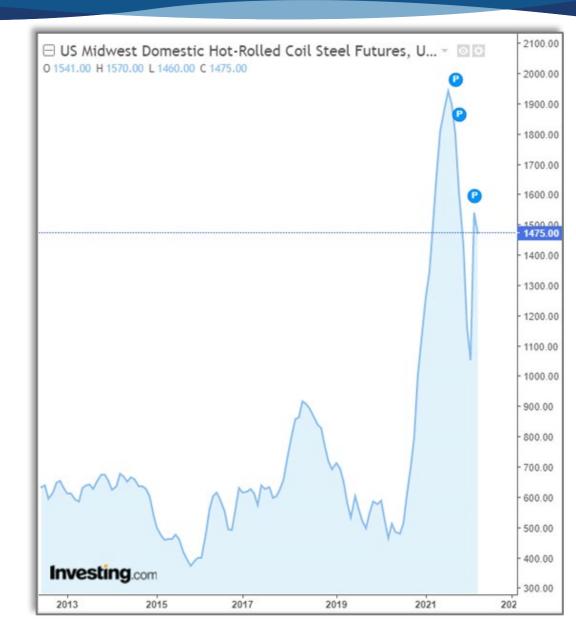






## Materials Price Escalation

- Steel Pricing was a significant concern
- Material Increases experienced:
  - Fabricated structural metal ↑42%
  - Steel mill products ↑127%
  - Iron and steel ↑87%
  - High volatility in pricing
- Other Commodity Price Increases:
  - Copper
  - Lumber
  - Plastic





# Schedule & Cost Mitigation Efforts

#### JPA/OWNERS ADVISOR

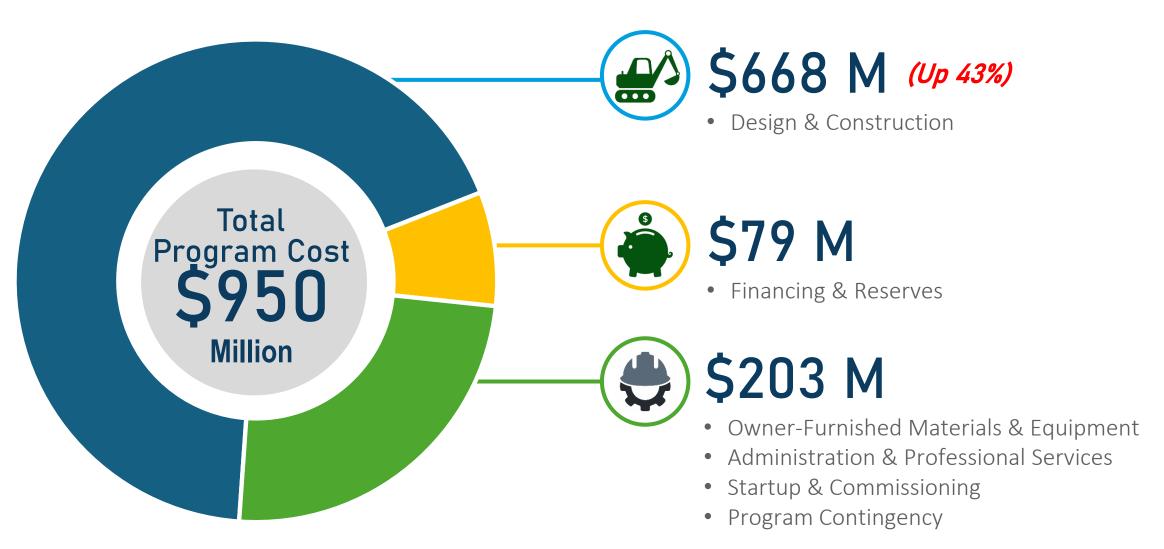
- Confirm Design-Builders' accounting of current pricing is not overstated
- Pushed GMP Schedule out by 3 months
- Negotiated inclusion of Escalation in GMP
- Updated financial forecast with assumed escalation
- Residual risk (future increased escalation) resides with Design-Builder after GMP

#### **DESIGN BUILDERS**

- Account for current commodity pricing in AWP Project costs
- Adjust construction schedules to accommodate delays
- Plan early procurement of long-lead equipment
- Leverage relationship with manufacturers and vendors and to minimize delays



# Program Cost Up to Commercial Operations





# Project Funding



Low Interest Loans \$766 Million



SRF: **\$378M** 



**BONDS: IF NEEDED** 







LRP: **\$86M** 



# Your Project Mitigation

- What is your "Covid"?
- Value Engineering to Control Costs
- Talk to Others for Input
- Structure Contracts Up Front
- Appropriate Entity to Carry Risk
- Build the Right Team!





# Thank You

